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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of Mauldin	:	
Application No. 10/750,108	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: December 31, 2003	:	
For: Minimal Resistance Scallop for	:	
a Well Perforating Device	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 6, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

A final Office action was mailed December 6, 2005. The Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months.

A request for a one-month extension of time was filed March 6, 2006.

An amendment was filed April 6, 2006.

An advisory action was mailed May 4, 2006. A supplemental advisory action was mailed May 17, 2006. Petitioner received neither Office action.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 19, 2006.

The instant petition requests revival of the application.

Petitioner has submitted the required petition fee of \$750. Petitioner has submitted a reply to the final Office action in the form of a Notice of Appeal. Petitioner has stated the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, the petition is granted and the application is revived.

On September 6, 2006, petitioner submitted a fee of \$400 for a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. A fee is unnecessary for a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. The decision on the petition stated the \$400 could be applied towards the \$750 petition fee for a

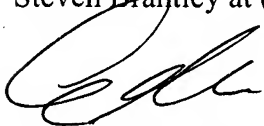
petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). However, petitioner submitted the full \$750 fee on April 6, 2007. Therefore, the Office has scheduled a refund of the \$400.

The \$250 fee for the Notice of Appeal was paid September 6, 2006, and paid a second time on April 6, 2006. The Office has scheduled a refund of the \$250 overpayment.

**The Notice of Appeal filed April 6, 2006, has been entered and made of record. Accordingly, the 2-month period for filing the appeal brief, in triplicate, accompanied by the fee required by law, runs from the date of this decision.**

Technology Center Art Unit 3672 will be informed of the instant decision and will await the filing of an appeal brief or other proper paper.

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